

REMARKS

Reconsideration and entry of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested. Claims 20, 22 and 24 have been amended. Claim 23 has been canceled. Claims 6-9 and 20, 22, 24-29 remain pending, with claims 6-9, 28 and 29 being withdrawn from consideration.

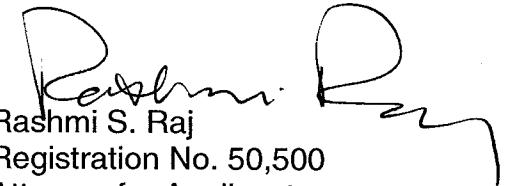
Claims 20 and 22-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanasawa et al. Independent claim 20 has been amended to define the invention more clearly and thus, obviate the rejection. In particular, claim 20, as amended, recites "providing the seat with a first surface exposed to the body passage and a second surface exposed to an exterior of the fuel injector; configuring at least one cut-out in the first surface to form a volume that extends into an interior of the seat; and permitting fuel to enter the at least one volume and collect in the interior of the seat to reduce an operative temperature of the seat." Tanasawa et al. does not each or suggest such a cut-out or volume for reducing temperature of the seat.

The Examiner has still failed to show how claims 22-27 are unpatentable over Tanasawa et al. Thus, the rejection of claim 20 and the claims that depend there-form should be withdrawn.

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Horsting. As noted above, claim 20 as amended recites a cut-out forming a volume in the seat for collecting fuel to reduce a temperature of the seat. Horsting discloses no such cut-out or volume. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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